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1. Violence has again been on the increase in Colombia. I am advised that in Cali and Bogotá there have been almost nightly attempts, successful or unsuccessful, to murder political personalities, judges, etc. Some four hundred people were recently rounded up in Cali.
2. The malcontents appear to be unreconciled Liberals and the unrest seems to be fanned by dissatisfaction with some of the policies and activities of President Rojas Pinilla. Increase in income tax from 5% or 6% to 14% seems to be a contributing factor. In addition the social life of President Rojas Pinilla is being criticized.
3. I understand the government and its supporters still feel confident that no serious trouble will develop. On the other hand, it may be significant that President Rojas Pinilla recently acquired a helicopter which he is keeping within the presidential grounds.
4. From all indications reaching me, the situation in Colombia has potential dangers.

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